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### CODE FOR TRANSPORT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED SEED-EATING BIRDS

#### 0. FOREWORD

**0.1** This Indian Standard was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 26 August 1969, after the draft finalized by the Live Animals Sectional Committee had been approved by the Agricultural and Food Products Division Council.

**0.2** Small and medium sized seed-eating birds include gallinaceous birds like pheasant, partridges, quails and guinea fowls, and passerine and psittacine birds like munias, bulbuls, budgerigars, parrots, love birds and wearer birds. These birds are used for various purposes, such as pets, exhibits, game and food. In view of the increasing demand for these birds, they are frequently required to be transported. As transport requirements of small and medium sized birds are similar, a common code is being prescribed for their transport.

**0.3** In the preparation of this code, due consideration has been given to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. However, it is subject to the restrictions imposed under this Act, wherever applicable.

**0.4** For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS : 2-1960\*. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

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#### 1. SCOPE

**1.1** This code covers the essential requisites for the transport of small and medium sized seed-eating birds by rail, road and air.

#### 2. TERMINOLOGY

**2.0** For the purpose of this standard, the following definitions shall apply.

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\*Rules for rounding off numerical values (*revised*).

**2.1 Birds** — Only medium and small sized seed-eating birds.

**2.1.1 Small Size Birds** — Include passerine and psittacine birds like munias, bulbuls, budgerigars, parrots, love birds and wearer birds, etc.

**2.1.2 Medium Size Birds** — Include gallinaceous birds like pheasant, partridges, quails and guinea and guinea fowls.

**2.2 Size** — The length, height and width of the birds shall be as defined in **2.2.1**, **2.2.2** and **2.2.3**.

**2.2.1 Length** — Tip of beak to tip of tail feathers.

**2.2.2 Height** — Tip of crown to toe while standing.

**2.2.3 Width** — Width across shoulders' feathers.

### **3. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**3.1** Birds to be transported should be healthy and in good condition. They shall be examined and certified by a qualified person for freedom from contagious and infectious diseases and their fitness to undertake the journey.

**3.1.1** Birds transported in the same cage shall be of the same species and maintained in compatible groups.

**3.1.2** Birds shall be preferably transported in pairs. Many males of the same species shall not be transported in the same container. Only one pair of gallinaceous birds shall be transported in each cage or container.

**3.1.3** Suitable perching arrangements shall be made in the cage while transporting passerine and psittacine birds like parrots, budgerigars, bulbuls, mynahs and munias.

**3.1.4** Birds shall be properly fed and watered before they are packed in containers for transportation. Extra feed and water should be provided in suitable troughs in the cages.

**3.1.5** The containers shall be properly cleaned and sterilized before the birds are placed in them. The use of injurious cleaning agents should be avoided.

**3.1.6** Birds shall be placed in containers shortly before transportation to minimize the injury due to fluttering.

**3.1.7** Arrangements shall be made for the watering, feeding and cleaning the cages during the journey.

### **4. ROAD TRAVEL**

**4.1** This mode of transport may be adopted only when the birds are to be transported over short journeys requiring 4 to 6 hours.

**4.2** In road journey, in public vehicle, the birds shall be placed in a proper cage or container. The cage containing birds shall not be put on the roof of the vehicle but shall be put inside the vehicle easily approachable for inspection during transit.

**4.3** The vehicle in which the birds are to be transported should avoid jerks and sudden stops. The speed of vehicle shall not exceed 40 kilometres per hour.

**4.4** An attendant shall be present at all times during transit and shall ensure that proper transit conditions are observed.

**4.5** The birds should not be exposed to rain or extreme temperatures. During hot weather, watering should be ensured every six hours.

## **5. RAIL TRAVEL**

**5.1** In case the journey is for more than twelve hours, an attendant shall accompany the consignments.

**5.2** The birds should not be exposed to rain or the direct blast of air.

**5.3** During summer, watering facility should be provided every six hours.

## **6. AIR TRAVEL**

**6.1** The cages shall be properly cleaned and sterilized before the birds are placed in the cage or container.

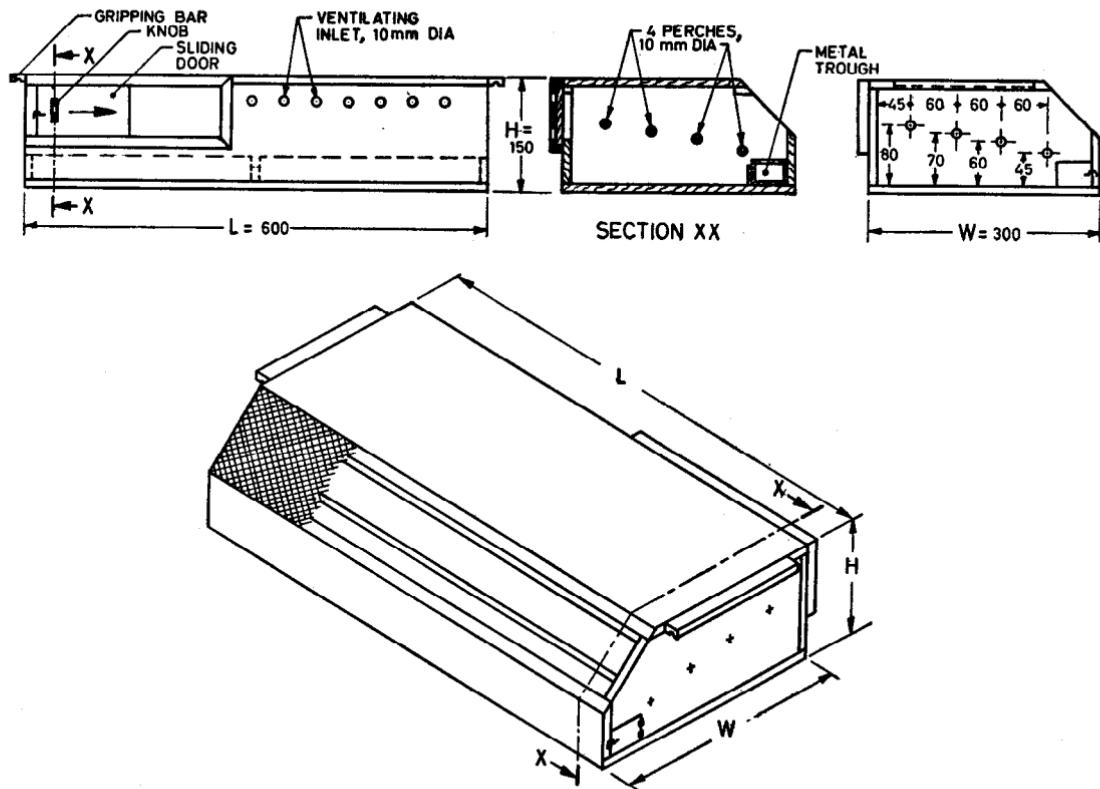
**6.2** For international transport the containers carrying birds should be kept in pressurized compartment with regulated temperature and preferably kept near the door.

## **7. CONTAINERS AND CAGES FOR TRANSPORTATION**

**7.1** Cages, containers and crates used to transport birds shall be of such material as will not collapse or crumble. They shall be well ventilated and designed to protect the health of the birds by giving them adequate space and safety.

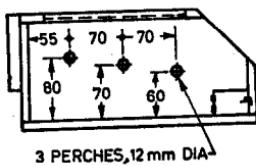
**7.2** The cages shall be as shown in Fig. 1 and 2. The cages may be of the size 600 x 300 x 150 mm. The maximum number of birds accommodated in these cages shall not exceed 40 medium or 65 small by air and 25 medium or 40 small by rail and road. When there is a significant change in the number of birds to be transported, the size of the cage may be reduced or increased correspondingly.

**7.3** **Labelling of Containers**—All containers shall be clearly labelled showing the name, address and telephone number of the consignor and the consignee and marked 'LIVE STOCK' in bold capital red letters and with such details as are necessary for the well-being of the birds.



All dimensions in millimetres.

FIG. 1 CAGE FOR SMALL SIZE BIRDS



All dimensions in millimetres.

FIG. 2 CAGE FOR MEDIUM SIZE BIRDS

## 8. CARE IN TRANSIT

**8.1** The consignor shall be informed about the train or transport or flight number and its time of arrival in advance.

**8.2** Animal consignment to be transported by rail shall be booked by mail, express or fast passenger train and should not be detained after accepting the consignment for booking.

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